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MONROE, LOUISIANA

Dear Judge Robert James

The reason I am writing is to present to you the reasons, that I need new Council

I first met my lawyer, Mr. Michael Courteau, on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> the day before, my scheduled, Bond Hearing, which occurred on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The second time that I saw, my lawyer was around the second half of May to sign a waiver, for my right to a fast and speedy trial because of the amount of discovery to view.

It was a couple of months latter, before I saw my lawyer again. When he finally did show up, all he could tell me was how bad that I looked in the video and audio. At this time he tried to persuade me to sign the plea agreement, without me even being able to review the discovery as of yet. At this time Mr. Courteau said that he would bring the discovery back for me to go over, also with transcripts of the body wires.

On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> my lawyer Michael Courteau, delivered the discovery to me, this was a little over three months after the signing of the waiver, to the right to a

fast and speedy trial. Mr. Courteau refused to review the discovery with me saying that he did not have the time to go over it.

I was provided a television VCR by the West Monroe City Jail to review the video tapes. Therefore I was never granted the opportunity to listen to the audio cassette tapes, or the CD-Rom recordings, of the body wires. I was also never provided with transcripts of the body wire taps that Mr. Courteau, promised to provide to me.

The next time that I saw Mr. Courteau was to sign my plea-agreement, on this occasion he also did not want to discuss a possible defense, and he did not go over the guidelines with me. The only possible defense he had for me was to sign the plea-agreement because he said I would lose at trial.

Michael Courteau instead has made numerous attempts to get me to turn as a government witness, against my co-defendant, Mr. Morris Lynn Gullett.

Even though I came up and tried to discuss a possible defense

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with Mr. Courteau, he has refused to acknowledge the defense I tried to present to him.

I presented to him the following.

The first time that I ever met the CW, Joshua Caleb Sutter, was on March 18, 2005. He was picking me up to attend a meeting of various members, of the Church of the Sons of YHVH, that was going to be held that weekend.

Early morning on March 18<sup>th</sup>, Morris Lynn Gullett's mother called me and told me that my co-defendant, Mr. Gullett had been arrested on DWI charges in Ouachita Parish Louisiana, and that the meeting scheduled for that weekend had been cancelled, and for us to stay at home.

Joshua Sutter the CW for the FBI had already left, and was on his way to my home in Alabama from South Carolina where he lived, I was to give to him the same message upon his arrival.

After he arrived I told him the meeting was cancelled, and that Mr. Gullett had been arrested. Upon hearing this, he said, that he was going to head back

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to South Carolina. We talked for a few minutes then he excused himself saying that he needed to use his cell phone.

When he came back, he had made the decision just to go on to Louisiana and try and see if he could bail Mr. Gulett out of jail.

Upon our arrival in Calhoun Louisiana Joshua Sutter rented a motel room, a few hours later we left to bail Mr. Gulett out of jail.

Upon our arrival at the Bail Bondsman Joshua Sutter handed me \$2000, and asked me to handle bailing Mr. Gulett out of jail. It was unknown to me the reason that he did it this way.

The first time that I had met Mr. Gulett, was when he had been released from jail that night.

As I have written before, Mr. Courteau was unwilling, to present a possible defense or even discuss this case. He said that there was no use, in it because I would lose and go to prison for the rest of my life.

The only thing that Mr. Courteau was willing

to do was to have me sign those plea-agreement papers.

Some where near the end of September or the first week of Oct. I did sign the plea-agreement papers. However, since then I had, had a change of heart, and wanted to discuss this with my attorney.

I even tried on several occasions to contact Mr. Courteau, and had left messages for him to come and see me, which he never did...

Originally there had been a court appearance scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> 2005. But on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> I found out the court appearance, had been re-scheduled for the following Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Courteau never informed me of the new court date, and I found out about it through my co-defendant Mr. Bullett.

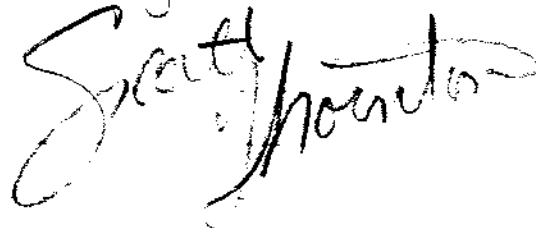
After the court date on November 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Courteau acted in a childish manner and was very rude in his behavior towards me.

As all of these events have started to unroll, I no longer believe that

Michael Courteau does not have my best interests at heart, and I view him as being very negligent in his duties and defense towards me.

I also believe that Mr. Courteau highly resents me due to my religious and political beliefs.

Most Respectfully: Charles Scott Thornton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Scott Thornton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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